



### Welcome to Ann Smith Elementary

We'd like to welcome everyone to our Ann Smith family. We're so glad you've chosen ASE for your child's elementary education. Now that we're settling in to the new school year, we want to encourage you all to join our PTO. Joining the PTO is absolutely free, and it's the best way to become involved in your child's education and stay informed about school activities. All you have to do is fill out the blue PTO card and return it to your child's teacher. We would love for every parent to participate!

### 2011-12 PTO Board Members

Co-Presidents: Dixie Livingston & Tammra Cascio

Executive Vice President: Melanie McKinley

Treasurers: Danny and Allison Ruhl

Secretary: Tanya Webber

Co-VPs of Parental Relations: Kristy Tubb & NaToya Holden

Co-VPs of Fundraising: Malisha Clements & Christy Westby-Gibson

Co-VPs of Academic Affairs: Christina Lowry & Allison McGee

Co-VPs of Public Relations: Sissy Lynn & Kim Crothers

### Car-Rider Line Procedures

The first few weeks of school can be hectic, and our car-rider line is no exception. We ask for your patience when traffic backs up. We assure you, it will get better! In the meantime, please be extremely cautious as you enter the school zone and our car-rider line. Here are a couple of rules to note:

- 1) Absolutely NO passing in the car-rider line.
- 2) Please form two lanes as you enter (as indicated by the yellow stripe); when you approach the gym, please be courteous and allow your fellow car-riders to merge into one lane. More car-rider procedures can be found on our website, [www.madison-schools.com/ase](http://www.madison-schools.com/ase).

### Kindergarten Lunch Help

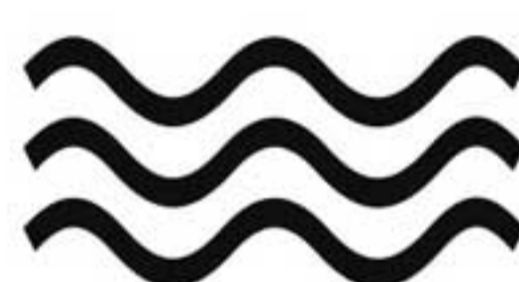
Thank you to the volunteers who have helped and are signed up to help with the first two weeks of kindergarten lunch. Holding trays, opening milk and finding your class's table are all new to our youngest members of ASE. A special thanks to Kristy Tubb, co-VP of parental relations, for managing these volunteers.

# FALL PTO MEETING & BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

August 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Parents only, please!

### Important Dates

- Aug. 23.....PTO Fall Meeting/Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 1.....Kindergarten lunch duty
- Sept. 5.....No school - Labor Day
- Sept. 6-9.....Spirit Week
- Sept. 8.....First-grade lunch duty
- Sept. 9.....RHS Homecoming



### Welcome New ASE Staff!



- Amanda Baker - Kindergarten assistant
- Bernadine Bolt - SPED assistant
- Whitni Bragg - Kindergarten assistant
- Lana Carcamo - SPED teacher
- Jennifer Curtis - Second-grade assistant
- Melanie Flowers - ELL assistant
- Natalie Grantham - ELL teacher
- Rhonda Green - SPED assistant
- Shelton Hayden - Custodian
- Bruce Miller - SPED teacher
- Michelle Portera - Kindergarten teacher
- Lisa Sherman - PATHways teacher
- Princess Thompson - Music teacher
- Missy Waldrup - Kindergarten assistant
- Honey Witt - First-grade teacher

### Excellent Results on MAP Testing

In the spring, we received results of our MAP testing that took place during the 2010-11 school year. The MAP test is a tool the Madison County School District uses to measure growth and progress in the classroom. District officials use second-grade test results as an indicator for how the lower elementary schools will do on the MCT2 test, which begins in third grade. We're pleased to announce that our second-graders earned a score that's the equivalent of a STAR status, the highest state rating. Congratulations to our students, teachers and staff!



## Class Fees/Forms

Please remember to turn in all forms and class fees (\$30 activity fee and \$5 party fee per student).

## Fundraising

Our fall fundraiser is scheduled to kick off September 28. You will be receiving details soon. In the meantime, here are several ways your family can support ASE throughout the year:

- Collect and turn in Box Tops for Education, found on specially marked products. Be sure to take advantage of products that are currently offering bonus Box Tops. For a list of participating products and coupons, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com), or check out [www.rewardyourschool.com](http://www.rewardyourschool.com), where you can register your Kroger shopping card to receive bonus Box Tops and special offers.
- Buy Papa John's pizza on the first Tuesday night of each month and tell them it's for Ann Smith (the school receives 25% of order total)

## Spirit Week

To participate in Ridgeland High School's homecoming, we'll celebrate Spirit Week September 6-9. Plans are currently underway, and we'll give more details soon.

## Playground Update

During the summer, our PTO used money that we raised to purchase some new playground equipment and update our playgrounds and existing equipment. The Madison County School District finished the last bit of work last week. These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to promoting physical activity to our students.

## Special Thanks

To kick off the new school year, our PTO hosted a breakfast to honor our wonderful teachers and staff. Thanks to the following businesses for making donations: Mac's Fresh Market, The Donut Factory in Pearl, The Fresh Market and Fusion Coffeehouse. Please join us in showing our appreciation to these businesses! Thanks, also, to Christina Lowry, Allison McGee and Tammra Cascio for coordinating the breakfast.

**Save the date...**  
**Ann Smith Elementary**  
**5K Frolic and Fun Run**  
**Saturday, October 8!**



# 2011-2012 T-shirt Order Form

Order your Ann Smith Elementary t-shirt today.  
Wear it each Friday to show your Titan spirit!



Ann Smith Elementary  
2011-2012

Shirts are navy blue, with white, light blue and yellow design

Complete and return this form along with your payment to your child's teacher or to the school office. T-shirts will be sent home in backpacks.

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size	Number of Shirts	Total Price
Youth Small		
Youth Medium		
Youth Large		
Adult Medium		
Adult Large		
Adult Extra Large (XL)		
		\$

**Price: \$15.00 each**

Please send cash ONLY in a sealed envelope with order form  
(and write "tshirt money" on envelope)